

IN THE CLAIMS

(1) Please cancel claim 1, in its entirety, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claim 2, 4, 5 and 7 as follows, in the following complete listing of all claims:

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) A vessel for containing a heated beverage, said vessel comprising:
 - a. a substantially vertical ~~horizontal~~ wall having an inner surface in contact with the beverage fluid and an outer surface,
 - b. a fluid retaining ~~substantially-vertical~~ bottom wall united with said substantially vertical ~~horizontal~~ wall for containing the beverage fluid in the vessel,
 - c. a thermochromic display disposed on the outer surface of said substantially vertical ~~horizontal~~ wall, said thermochromic display comprising;
 - i. a layer of a thermochromic ink,
 - ii. at least one temperature indicating mark disposed between the outer wall and the layer of thermochromic ink,
 - d. wherein the thermochromic ink characterized by undergoing a transition from opaque to visibly transparent at a predetermined temperature to reveal or cover said thermal indicating mark.

3. (previously presented) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2, wherein said thermochromic ink is printed onto the thermal indicating mark.
4. (currently amended) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2 wherein one or more of said thermal indicating marks are covered by a first and second thermochromic ink composition, said first and second thermochromic and compositions having a different thermal optic transition temperature.
5. (currently amended) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2 wherein ~~said~~ the wall of said vessel comprises a ceramic.
6. (previously presented) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2 wherein the thermochromic display is directly printed onto the outer surface of the vessel.
7. (currently amended) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2 wherein the thermochromic display further comprises a supporting substrate for ~~subsequently attached~~ subsequent attachment to the vessel.
8. (previously presented) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 7 wherein the supporting substrate is attached with an adhesive layer.